Hiawatha National Forest Cross Country Skiing Mckeever Hills Ski Trail

Looking for a quieter, less manicured alternative to highly groomed trails without sacrificing quality? McKeever Hills Ski Trail may be just the ticket for you! McKeever Hills offers loops for skiers at a range of skill levels, including many downhill runs. Six miles of trail pass beside several lakes and through various forest types. Also, if you would like to enjoy a peaceful night amid the stars and moonlight, rent McKeever cabin, a rustic log cabin on the west shore of McKeever Lake.

The route is open daily during daylight hours from December through April, depending on snow conditions. No trail fee is required. Donations are accepted at the Trailhead. Trail loops are packed and groomed one to three times a week depending on snow conditions. Trail segments are well-marked with blue diamonds starting at the trailhead, and are marked at each trail junction. Location maps are posted at all trail intersections. A small parking lot off H-13 is available at the entrance to the trailhead.

The Trail Loops

- Trail A (3.5 mi/ 5.7km)- Designed as a long scenic trail for the intermediate skier, this loop has lots of variety and offers views of Pete's and McKeever Lakes.
- Trail B (.9mi/1.4 km)- This short figure 8 trail is designed for the intermiediate skier who is looking for more distance.
- Trail C (2.7 mi/ 4.4 km) This short but difficult route is considered an advanced trail with steep hills. We recommend that you use caution and do not attempt to ski this trail alone. Circumnavigating Wedge Lake, this loop is designed for the expert skier.

Safety

Caution should be used when skiing these trails. Although trails are occasionally groomed, some spots may be icy or uneven or may have exposed twigs. Under icy conditions, skiing is not safe because it becomes difficult to maintain control within the designed limits of the trail.

Be aware of changing weather conditions and personal fatigue which can increase the hazards of the out-of-doors. Use the "buddy system" to make your outing safer and more enjoyable. Ski only to your ability.

Dogs are allowed on this ski trail. Please keep your dog under control at all times and be courteous of other skiers.

Observe courtesy on the trail

- Repair the track after falls.
- Allow faster skiers to pass.
- Ski in the direction indicated on the maps and signs. Skiing in the wrong direction can jeopardize your safety and that of others.
- Keep far apart when descending hills.
- Avoid snowshoeing on the groomed tracks.
- Please pick up after your dog.

For More Information Contact:

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Ski Trail Condition reports available at: http://www.skinnyski.com/trails/reports.asp

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